

Therefore comfort one another with these words.  
—1 Thessalonians 4:18 NKJV

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<sup>1</sup>But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

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<sup>3</sup>For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

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<sup>4</sup>But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

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<sup>6</sup>Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober... <sup>11</sup>Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.—1 Thess. 5:1-6, 11 NKJV

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1) The Bible declares the imminent, visible and bodily return of Christ to planet earth.

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“Anyone can write history, but only God can write prophesy.” —John Bisagno

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2) This moment in time will happen suddenly and result in judgment and justice under the rule of King Jesus.

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“Paul insists that the doctrine of the return of Christ must be more than a doctrine—it must be a dynamic in our lives and in the ministry of our churches.” —Warren Wiersbe

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WE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER:  
I. Through Our Shared Difficulties

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<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
<sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our affliction,

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so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God...

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<sup>7</sup>Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.  
—2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 7 ESV

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WE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER:  
2. In the Shadow of Death

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<sup>13</sup>But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

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<sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.  
<sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord,

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that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.  
<sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,

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with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them

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in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with these words. —1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NKJV

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WE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER:  
3. In Our Struggle with Darkness

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<sup>4</sup>But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all sons of light and sons of the day.

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We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup>Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober...

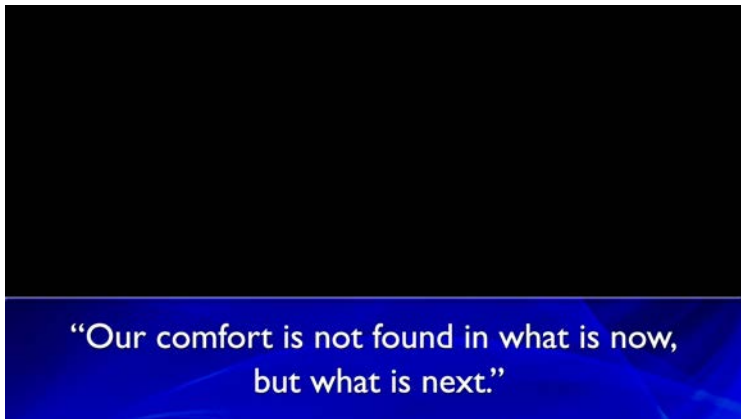
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<sup>8</sup>But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. —1 Thessalonians 5:4-6, 8 NKJV

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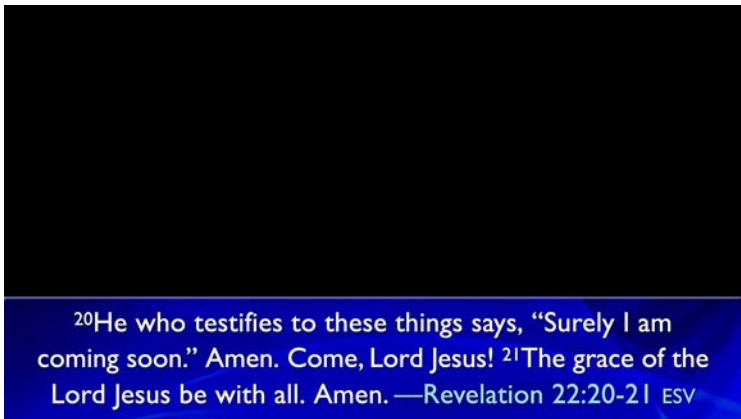
And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. —1 John 3:3 ESV

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“Our comfort is not found in what is now,  
but what is next.”

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<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am  
coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the  
Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. —Revelation 22:20-21 ESV

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